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Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
65	68	72
36	42	50
10%	10%	10%

Source: <http://weather.com>

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364

Number of gifts you would receive if given all the gifts mentioned in the Twelve Days of Christmas song.

Source: www.christmas-celebrations.com

Let there be light



ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

The house on the corner of Clarke and Montgomery streets gets Milledgeville and GCSU in the holiday spirit by decking their house with Christmas decorations. The house has been one of the more highly decorated houses around campus the past couple of years.

New funds allow more to join nursing program

BY SALEM COOK
STAFF REPORTER

GCSU just became part of a new nursing program called the Nursing Education Initiative. The Bachelor of Science nursing program has been provided with \$167,124, which will allow 95 students to be admitted into the program every year instead of 80.

Dr. Cheryl Kish, the associate dean of the Department of Nursing is responsible for getting GCSU the much needed money to support the GCSU nursing program.

"I wrote a proposal for funding that was judged to be competitive among the many submitted," said Kish. "My work was

based on my knowledge that the nursing faculty are committed to increasing enrollment in our program and in helping those who are enrolled to be successful. We were being forced to turn away too many qualified applicants because we needed extra faculty and staff. Funding was a win-win situation."

Lauren Cruz, a senior nursing major had difficulties being accepted into the program.

"(The nursing program) is a very competitive field to just be accepted into," said Cruz, who learned two weeks ago that she was accepted into the program. "People have been on the waiting list since June. There was a lack of teachers to teach, but this

program can only make things better."

The program is designed to immediately allow a greater number of nursing students into the program but also to provide better healthcare for our nation, which continues to be a pressing issue.

"The ultimate goal of the University System is to increase the number of pre-licensure nursing graduates by 50 percent by 2013 since the state, indeed the entire nation, is in the midst of a critical nursing shortage," said Kish.

If the grant is successful GCSU will be contributing a great deal to help solve the problem.

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Drought delays construction

BY CHELSEA THOMAS
STAFF REPORTER

Waking up to the sound of construction outside room windows has not been the most pleasant experience for Bell Residents over the past few months. For other students, walking to class next to construction trucks has not been great either. It seems more and more renovations are being made on a daily basis.

"The construction wakes me up every morning. I have learned to drown it out, yet I will be glad when they are done," says Jesse Laudino, a freshman living in Bell.

Another resident at Bell Hall, Chris Venable, says, "I am going to be really annoyed if the construction does not get done next to Bell."

Chris explains the



AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

The Student Health Sciences building, pictured above, will be undergoing interior renovations under the six year capital improvement plan along with Beeson, Ennis and Mayfair Hall.

inconvenience of not being able to leave through one of the side doors because it is being blocked by construction. After all, construction was originally predicted to be done in early December.

Not so fast. Due to the severe drought affecting

all corners of Georgia, Governor Sonny Perdue has issued a restriction for all projects working on landscapes. This executive order has stopped all landscaping on the Bell Hall green space project. Until

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Student loses life in auto accident

BY LEE SANDOW
SENIOR REPORTER

GCSU student Jacob "Jake" Stewart was killed in a car wreck Sunday morning, Nov. 25 in Tifton.

Stewart, a junior, was an avid hunter and fisher, and was a member in the GCSU chapter of Kappa Sigma. He was attending GCSU on a golf scholarship.

His funeral was held on Tuesday in Tifton at the First United Methodist Church. His younger sister, Mandy Stewart, spoke about her brother at the service.

"Jake loved everyone. He made us all smile and the best brother a sister could ask for," Mandy said.

Stewart was killed when the vehicle he was riding in lost control and left the road, rolling several times before finally crashing into a tree. Stewart and another rider, Joshua Ray, also of



Stewart

Tifton, were both ejected from the vehicle during the crash.

Mandy created a Facebook group in his honor and to spread word about his memorial service and funeral. Friends of Stewart have been leaving him messages on his Facebook wall, turning into an online mausoleum in his memory.

"You were the best brother anyone could ever ask for," Josh Young, a freshman also in Kappa Sigma wrote to Jake.

"I could always count on you to be there for me day or night. I will miss you, but can't wait to see you again."

SGA promises faster internet

BY KYLE COLLINS
SENIOR REPORTER

Students plagued by super slow internet speeds in the residence halls can look forward to faster loading times. SGA submitted a proposal to increase campus bandwidth. It was approved by the Student Technology Fee Advising Group (STFG) on Nov. 9.

Dr. Dorothy Leland reviews submitted proposals on Nov. 30 determining which actions pass for the good of the university. Left over technology fees from last year will pay for the sustained bandwidth increase through this June if the proposal passes.

Slow internet speeds have made this semester difficult for students trying to complete homework assignments and social networking.

"We were getting five to 10 complaints daily that the internet was so slow. It was taking three minutes to load Facebook," said Ryan Greene, SGA president.

GCSU residence halls struggled with the snail like pace of its network that has averaged around a 10 Mb/sec connection since September. The month before the speed jumped as high as 68 Mb/sec.

The bandwidth is allocated by a statewide collaborative network known as Peachnet.

Towards the end of the summer fiber optic cables were installed to reconfigure our network setup. Peachnet left unregulated settings on this equipment giving users blazing speeds we were not paying for.

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GCSU increases geographic range

BY CLAIRE KERSEY
STAFF REPORTER

Jessica Smith is a freshman undeclared major from Marietta, Ga., who graduated from Lassiter High School. She entered GCSU with a 3.3 GPA and a SAT score of 1128. However, Jessica Smith is not a real person, but a composite of the most common characteristics of the freshman class.

The composite student has been a part of freshman orientation and Parents' Day for the last four years. Previous composite students have been from Brookwood and Grayson High Schools in Gwinnett County.

This year was the first year in the last several

years that a city has come ahead of Lawrenceville. Ask any student where he is from, and he is likely to respond with a city in the Atlanta area. This trend is also evident at other colleges in the state.

There are more people at GCSU from Gwinnett, Cobb, Fulton and other metro Atlanta counties. This phenomenon is not necessarily because GCSU is pushed more among schools in this area, but mainly because there are simply more people in the Atlanta area. There are more high schools with more people, which in turn feeds the universities in Georgia.

Fifteen years ago, students at GCSU were pri-

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Todd, Maintenance Tech:

Came to the rescue and fixed the washing machine after we tried to wash three loads at once.

Ana, Tour Guide:

Spent 45 minutes answering my Mom's questions when she came to visit.

Jason, Community Advisor:

Told me about free Spanish tutoring (goodbye C, hello A!).



Kelly, Roommate:

Goes to workout with me every day – even when neither of us really wants to.

Jen, Complex Director:

Helped me after I locked myself out of my apartment (for the 10th time).

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marily from counties near Milledgeville. The school had a mostly regional influence. But in recent years, the geographic range has extended. As a result, metro Atlanta high schools realized the potential of GCSU as a valuable option.

"Some of our best recruitment comes from current students," said Mike Augustine, director of admissions.

This happens when students go home and mention GCSU and how much they enjoy it. Word of mouth is an effective tool in promoting a school.

But the influx of students from Atlanta suburbs can be overwhelming from a diversity standpoint. There are significantly fewer students from outside metro Atlanta. GCSU recruits all over the state, with representatives to cover the north, central and southern regions. They also employ a recruiter for minorities. These recruiters visit high schools and college fairs in their respective regions.

"We look at diversity (when admitting students), and one type of diversity is geographic," Augustine

said.

Recruitment begins even earlier with some potential students. Events such as the geography bee and band camps draw middle and high school students to the campus outside the recruiting environment of Fallfest and Springfest. This is known as "passive recruiting."

Other changes in the face of this campus are the students that are attracted to the school.

"I think the biggest change is the type of student ... they're much more passionate, engaged and motivated," Augustine said.

These changes have improved GCSU's standings among other schools in the state. For the past nine years, the average SAT score has been higher than the University System of Georgia average and has continued to climb.

As GCSU grows in accordance to the University System's plans, the face of this campus should not change much. Enrollment will increase slightly, but the main campus has a capacity of approximately 6,000. But current enrollment trends indicate that students from the Atlanta area will continue to make up a majority of the GCSU student body.

Students experience stereotypes

BY ROCHELLE SMALLS
STAFF REPORTER

With about 40 students waiting in the vestibule of the Magnolia Ballroom, there only seemed to be one question running through everyone's minds, what is Archie Bunker's Neighborhood all about?

Wren Linsey, a GCSU junior, admitted that she had no real idea, but she had been told that it was some sort of game.

"I like games," said Linsey. "It could be fun."

While waiting and wondering, everyone holds a small slip of colored construction paper that was handed to them at the entrance. The construction paper came in red, purple, yellow, blue, gray, green and orange, but there seemed to be no definite order of who got what color.

All the contestants were instructed to tape their slip of paper somewhere on their person where it could be seen. As everyone followed the directions, it was soon announced that we could enter the neighborhood.

Once inside the ballroom, there were taped off sections on the floor labeled by the same seven colors that the participants were wearing. Slowly, everyone congregated to their sections and formed groups.

All of the groups were located on the floor and each had taped off boundaries, all except one. The group labeled red was located on the stage and the only boundary it had was the stage itself.

What made this group different? Why was it in a position that seemed to be above all the other groups?

Stereotypes in the neighborhood

Source: www.longwood.edu

Blacks

Asked about gangs and ignored often.
Sold cheap buildings.

Latinos

Always spoken to loudly and slowly.
Never understood and frequently walked away from.
Sold cheap buildings.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual

Only escorted while wearing rubbers gloves.
Repeatedly referenced to AIDS.
Sold expensive buildings.

Handicapped

Helped with everything, including getting them chairs.
Sold everything but parks, clubs, malls and schools.

By the end of this game and these questions, and many others, were answered not just by telling but also from experience.

Surrounding the edge of the ballroom were stations that included the mayor, the jail, building commissioner, work commissioner and the banker. Moving about the ballroom were police officers that were wearing orange vest, and their purpose was to keep the peace.

The object of the game was to build the best neighborhood. Each group could do so by getting a job from the work commissioner or taking out a loan from the bank.

But there were a couple of rules. The first rule was every person must be escorted by a police officer to leave their taped off neighborhood. The second rule was that if one of your group members gets put in jail, all of the group's effort must pay to get that member out, which cost \$1,000.

Once each group received a price list the game officially began. People got the police to escort them to get jobs or to purchase buildings. But the police seemed to treat

each group differently, and the red group was building its neighborhood much quicker than the rest.

Members from some of the groups began to yell in order to get the police officers' attention. The noise level in the ballroom rose and it soon became harder for all groups to get an escort.

Fed up with being ignored, two groups decide to combine. The police and the mayor showed the contestants that they did not approve of their actions by shutting everything down. Once everything was up and running again, other groups combined until all the groups on the floor were one large group.

Contestants felt as if they were not getting the respect they deserved, so they were now taking matters into their own hands. Talk of electing a new mayor floated throughout the minds of the contestants. The construction paper, that labeled each person, was being torn up and thrown away. Everyone was attempting to be viewed as the same.

However, there were a few that did not want to participate in not follow-

ing the rules, and, as a reward, they were allowed to join the red group which continued to build through all of the problems the other groups encountered.

In an attempt to show who was in control, the police officers began to confiscate the few buildings that the now combined groups had collected. The contestants refused to give up the buildings that had worked hard for. They began to fight back. While all contestants were still involved in the game, a structured riot seemed to break out. Running, screaming, stealing of money and buildings, and singing of We Shall Overcome all occurred before the game was forced to shut down.

"At the end of the game I felt like I was involved in a civil rights movement," said Jeanette Bowman, who acted as a police officer during the game.

Once everyone calmed down, the purpose of Archie Bunker's Neighborhood was explained. Each group's color represented a different group; red - rich whites, purple - women, white - terrorist, yellow - gay/lesbians, orange - foreigners, and green - blacks.

The police treated each group according to their label, and each contestant was able to feel prejudice or the rewards of being associated with certain groups.

At the end Dr. Stephanie McClure sent each contestant home with one question to think about: "Who do you know who has experienced these same feelings and what are their consequences?"

Top 10 freshmen locations

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| 1. Marietta (71) | 6. Atlanta & Lilburn (33) |
| 2. Alpharetta (69) | 7. Snellville (29) |
| 3. Lawrenceville (64) | 8. Duluth (27) |
| 4. Macon (44) | 9. Peachtree City (26) |
| 5. Roswell & Fayetteville (40) | 10. Augusta (25) |

Source: GCSU Admissions

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GCSU faculty salaries among lowest in state

BY SALEM COOK
STAFF REPORTER

In comparison to other universities in Georgia, GCSU faculty members are underpaid. Although GCSU representatives are in the process of balancing out salary standards, the issue remains a problem. Anne Gormly, vice president and dean of Faculties has begun to perform market studies to better recognize the problem.

"GCSU faculty members, on the whole, are generally paid less," said Gormly. "In response, GCSU's administration has instituted a salary study that will be used to raise faculty salaries to at least the market midpoint."

GCSU continues to raise its standards with the third best SAT score average among incoming freshmen in the state. Already, nearly 80 percent of professors at GCSU have achieved doctorate degrees from top level universities, but still remain underpaid among other universities in Georgia.

"It is because we have not previously done a market comparison of salaries. As a result our merit and promotion raises have also been generally smaller than other institutions," said Gormly. "However, as GCSU has grown in its mission, stature and reputation, it has become clear that we are now competing at a national level. Therefore, we are taking steps to address this issue so that we can continue to attract the best faculty and staff possible."

GCSU has already

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- Anne Gormly, GCSU
Dean of Faculties

begun to correct the problem. All faculty members are paid based on their discipline or rank, whether it be a professor, associate professor or assistant professor. The incoming teachers are already being compensated for their work, while veteran professors may not have to wait for their pension before GCSU raises its faculty pay standards.

"We have tried to correct (salaries) with our newer faculty hires by working to ensure they are in the market range," said Gormly. "We will work to bring all of our faculty members to the market midpoint for their discipline."

The teachers are affected first hand by their salaries being below normal, but the students are also affected. The problem that precedes for the students is a lack of teachers. Sarah Fleetwood, a senior art major had trouble getting into classes.

"Not as a senior, but as a junior I could not get

into my next Spanish class," said Fleetwood who is required to take Spanish. "The classes were full, but there weren't too many classes to sign up for to begin with."

Spanish courses are not the only subject to fill up fast. There are classes in almost every major that are difficult to attain. GCSU has set forth a goal to even out the student to teacher ratio, which will help students get into the classes they need.

"We would like to reduce our current student to faculty ratio to 15 to 1," said Gormly. "We have been successful in reducing our ratio from 24:1 to 17:1, but we need to get to 15:1. We will continue to explore ways to accomplish this goal."

Wayne Henderson, a senior rhetoric major, recently researched teachers salary pay and found that public school's paid teachers significantly less than private schools.

"Whatever we decide to do, we need to have an incentive for (teachers) to want to come here," said Henderson. "We already have accreditation as Georgia's public liberal arts university, but getting teachers here and keeping them here are two different issues."

However the problem has been recognized and GCSU will work on a solution.

"We ask our faculty to be the best, and we recognize the need to pay them a decent and fair salary in return," said Gormly. "It is an important issue and one that is a top priority for the administration."

Tracing Tony Blair's steps

BY MATT BAUM
STAFF REPORTER

Most people are aware of the term that Winston Churchill coined to describe the feeling in Europe during the Cold War. What may surprise some people is that he first used the term, "Iron Curtain," at a speech at little Westminster College in Fulton, Mo on March 5, 1946. Churchill said, "From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic, an iron curtain has descended across the Continent. Behind that line lie all the capitals of the ancient states of Central and Eastern Europe."

It is because of this famous speech that GCSU was able to present a lecture entitled "The Foreign Policy of Tony Blair" by Fulbright-Robertson Visiting Professor of British History Dr. Richard Coggins, Tuesday, Nov. 13 in Arts and Sciences.

"This has become a sort of tradition the last ten years or so," said Dr. John Fair at the presentation, who also had Coggins come speak to his Modern Britain class.

Coggins, who got his Bachelor of Arts and doctorate at the University of Oxford, spent the hour lecture delving into the specifics and motivations of the past ten years of British foreign policy, mostly staying on the topic of former Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Coggins themed his lecture by saying that he wanted to examine "how Britain has come to find its place in world after the Cold War."

The lecture was very topical, touching several times on the present war in Iraq and its popularity—or lack thereof—in Britain and around the world.

"The War in Iraq is as divisive in Britain," Coggins said, "as it is in the United States."

While Coggins focused on Blair's fairness and apparent desperate attempts to help the poor nations of the world, he was not afraid to point out some of the former Prime Minister's glaring hypocrisies. Coggins did not back down when questioned about the "distance between the rhetoric and the reality" regarding the debt cancellation and eventual cuts of aid to

African nations.

"When does the G8 Summit ever talk about Africa," Coggins said, in Blair's defense. Though, he was well aware of Blair's shortcomings. "Blair has exhibited an odd hubris in trying to bring peace to every part of the world."

The latter part of that statement was essentially the overall message of the lecture. Coggins tried to make everyone in attendance understand that Blair tried to bring an idea of "ethical and moral purpose" to the scene of national politics. Coggins went on and on about how Blair always insisted that "genocide can never be a purely internal matter" and that help should be given wherever it can be.

Ever since the famous "Iron Curtain" speech, the Fulbright Commission in London selects a Visiting Professor of British History each year for Westminster a small, liberal arts college in Fulton. The professor is assigned to the Department of History and is expected to teach courses in British history and Western Civilization.

ADP takes home awards

BY ALI DUCKWORTH
STAFF REPORTER

Last month, students involved in the American Democracy Project at GCSU, traveled to Kennesaw State University in order to attend the American Democracy Project South Consortium Annual Meeting.

While GCSU was once only one of the original seventy public universities to become nationally involved in the ADP, it is now one of 224 public universities partaking in the American political and civic engagement to develop successful citizens.

This year, GCSU submitted two projects to the ADP Consortium. The first project, entered in the Co-Curricular category, was entitled, "What a Relief: An ADP Alternative Spring Break Project." This project involved the participation of faculty and student using organizational efforts to overcome obstacles, as well as demonstrating leadership skills to impact the community. This project won second place, and GCSU was awarded \$200.

The second project submitted in the Campus/Institutional Award category was titled, "Encouraging Newspaper Literacy in Milledgeville, Ga."

This award is judged on criteria such as the involve-

ment and collaboration among faculty, staff, student, and external organizations, the particular obstacles being addressed, organization of the project, the overall outcome of the project, and the impact it has on the community.

The "Encouraging Newspaper Literacy in Milledgeville, Ga." project was a cooperative effort, reaching 250 public school children, with aid to mentorship and journalism. This project won first place at the ADP South Consortium Annual Meeting, and GCSU was awarded \$300.

Three GCSU students also participated in a Student Think Tank competition. Senior Justin Mays, junior Tom Andris, and freshman Chris Thibodeaux, along with four of their peers from Texas State University and Western Carolina University, won first place with their project titled "Diversity Day," or "D-Day."

This year's Student Think Tank addressed the promotion of cross cultural communication on campus, including the relationships of race, nationality, ethnicity, gender, sexual preference, age, religion, etc.

Hoping to implement their project in the spring semester, Mays and his teammates plan to meet with university deans, pro-

fessors, and Registered Student Organization (RSO) presidents before their D-Day launch date.

"We are going to try to get a lot of (professors) together and deans of the respective schools and talk with them, and see if we could get any ideas from them and if they would be interested in doing this" Mays said. "Then we are going to contact the presidents of the student organizations on campus, and have a meeting with them and see if they would (be interested)."

"We are hopefully going to pull (D-Day) off maybe April 08," Mays said. "We are going to have a field day type event; we're going to have activities and stuff to do that would pair up people from different 'cultures.'"

Should the project be a success, the New York Times, along with the ADP will help to finance the students' trip to the ADP National Conference in Snowbird, Utah in June 2008.

"One of our next projects is going to be a Presidential Persona Debate, where eight students take on the personas of the candidates, and we're doing that in cooperation with the College Republican and Young Democrats," Kaufman said.

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Nursing

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However, if the GCSU nursing program fails to meet the quota set in the grant, the funding will stop. "The funding enabled us to affect admission and retention positively by adding another full-time faculty member, a full-time pre-nursing advisor, and a part-time director of our clinical simulation lab," said Kish. "These positions are funded for 3 years

and if we are able to meet the benchmarks we set for ourselves in the grant, the funding will continue indefinitely. Moreover, we will have graduated an extra 60 individuals ready to take the state licensing exam to become registered nurses that would not have been possible without this funding."

The Nursing Education Initiative was put into effect this fall semester, and the additional 15 students will be accepted starting spring 2008. This will increase the number of

GCSU nursing major graduates by 31 percent.

"(The Nursing Education Initiative) says a lot for the school," said Cruz. "The more numbers (GCSU) can produce the better the program will become. GCSU already produces some of the best nurses that come out of the state. Our nurses are better qualified, more prepared, and for the most part score better on the licensing tests than a lot of the highly qualified universities such as Emory and Mercer. This is a big step up."

Internet

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"Students arrived in August and they thought we had the best bandwidth in the world," said Ed Boyd, assistant chief information officer.

Once our ISP noticed the issue, they bumped the campus back down to the contracted speed. This left tech dependent students on the residence hall network helpless as simple Mycats and other Internet tasks took forever to complete.

"It was very slow," said Richard Brown, a Village at West Campus resident and SGA senator. "It is not enjoyable trying to do homework and having to wait forever for a page to load."

The Information Technology department, along with SGA, hope speeds will average about 40 Mb/sec after Peachnet receives the extra money. This higher bandwidth should take care of Internet issues around the GCSU residence hall network.

While the approval of the current proposal would take care of this physical year through June 30, revisions for next year's tech-



FILE PHOTO

SGA's submitted proposal to increase campus bandwidth was approved by the Student Technology Fee Advising Group (STFG) on Nov. 9 increasing speeds to 40 Mb/sec.

nology fees are a possibility.

"This year it was approved by the Mandatory Fee Committee that the technology fee increase five dollars," Greene said. "Two dollars would go towards a permanent increase with three dollars for multimedia classrooms."

Brown said a few extra dollars are necessary for students to enjoy a better Internet.

All monetary provisions at GCSU must make it through a chain of command ending with the final approval from the Board of Regents.

Boyd said students should notice some partial

relief before the end of the semester.

In the mean time Boyd suggests a few tips to take some strain off computers.

"Monitor your activities and don't install software that you don't know how to configure," Boyd said. "Sharing software sets you up as a default server allowing people to take away your computing power."

Viruses and worms infiltrate systems through these programs as well.

Contact SGA members for additional information or to speak about issues affecting your GCSU experience.

plans for renovations and adaptive reuses for Mayfair Hall, Ennis Hall, Beeson Hall and even the former Baldwin County Courthouse, which was bought by GCSU in 2000. All of this is part of what is called the six-year capital improvement plan for GCSU, recently approved by the Board of Regents.

Under this six-year capital improvement plan, Mayfair Hall, which is the current art building, will be switching into Ennis Hall. Recently the art department has not had enough space in which to conduct art classes and studio sessions comfortably. Therefore, the Office of Facilities Planning made the decision to utilize Ennis Hall, which was not being used, to accommodate the art classes. Mayfair Hall, originally a hotel, will then be renovated to house visitors and guests to Georgia College on the upper floor. The rest of the building will be known as the "Faculty Resource Center."

The former Baldwin County Courthouse, which sits on the southeast corner of campus in front of Bell Hall, will become an administration building. Eventually the University President's office will be moved there, as well as the University Advancement office and much more.

"New offices will allow faculty to be on campus. These changes will centralize them for students," said Ruark.

Beeson Hall, the Student and the Health Services building, will be expecting a renovation and new organization to its interior as well. The Office of Facilities Planning intends on mixing new needs with the available space.

"A lot of projects have been several years in the planning. We have a lot of historic buildings and they require a lot of care," said Ruark.

By and large, the cost of this six-year capital strategic plan is 23 million dollars. It is going to take immense financial preparation and time. Architects and contractors must be hired, as well as Project Managers and teams. Mark Bowen is the current Project Manager overlooking the Health and Sciences construction, as well as Parks Memorial and the new West Campus multipurpose building that is said to start construction next month. He spends most of his time as the main contact between the contractor, architectural firm, deans of the schools, and the faculty.

"Ultimately, we try to find balance in order to provide adequate space for the learning process. We want to meet needs of students and faculty," said Bowen.

Obviously, the Office of Facilities Planning is not slacking on their job. All the construction is merely a big step in the direction of making our beautiful campus even better. Although the construction may be an inconvenience for a while, we will soon be seeing glorious outcomes.

Over the next six years the Governor and General Assembly will continue to oversee and approve the capital projects projected in the Board of Regents six-year capital improvement plan. The development will be in the hands of many different teams and project managers. Expect to see many BIG changes around campus.

RSO weekly remix

Debate Club deliberates at GCSU

BY ANDY KELLY
STAFF WRITER



ANDY KELLY / STAFF WRITER

Ever wonder where the best place at GCSU is to voice your opinions? The Debate Society might be your answer.

The organization is one of the newest clubs on campus, just recently becoming an RSO.

Chris O'Quinn, a senior at GCSU, explains the purpose of the Debate Society.

"We want to promote intelligent and provocative debate," said O'Quinn. "It is just a place where people can gather and talk about issues going on in the world."

The Debate Society encourages anyone to join.

"We are always looking for new members," O'Quinn said. "Students, faculty, or anyone else that wants to debate is allowed."

Each debate tries to stray away from the formal aspect of debating, and instead focuses on each member's opinions.

Mark Dörner, a debate club member and senior at GCSU, has an interesting outlook on the club.

"It is an outlet for people who want to talk about the world," said Dörner.

The debates usually last from an hour to and hour and a half. The previous debate topic was privatization of the military, while the next one planned is going to be

privacy verses security.

"We get most of our topics from the *New York Times*," O'Quinn said. "We also try and think up new topics at each meeting."

Doug Otter and Jane Clark, professors at GCSU, help run the Debate Society. Anyone can join the Debate Society.

"All you have to do is show up," said Dörner. "We have a Facebook group called Debate Society at GCSU."

Anyone interested in joining the debate club

can contact Chris O'Quinn on Facebook or just join the group. The organization does not limit itself to any major.

"We are not anti-anything," O'Quinn said. "We have people with all sorts of majors in the society."

The club is planning on having members be mediators for each debate in the future. If you are interested in thought provoking conversations, then you might want to check out the Debate Society.

Debate Club Members

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Chris O'Quinn
Senior

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Senior

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Senior

SGA goes to City Hall ...



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Michael George, SGA attorney general, speaks at SGA's last meeting on Nov. 28 in the Milledgeville city hall. Mayor Richard Bentley appeared and announced that it was officially SGA day in Milledgeville.

Construction

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further notice the landscaping part of the project is suspended.

"The Governor wanted to take extra precautions even though Baldwin still has water," says Rick Ruark, the associate director for Planting & Construction Services. "Although Baldwin County is not under a ban, we are under a restriction. But that can change."

Overall, the Bell Hall project began in June and was due to be finished by the end of the semester. Now the orange tape may be up for much longer. However, the other construction dealing with internal renovations on older buildings will be better off.

The Parks Memorial Building has been under construction for about ten months now. Along with Parks, the Health and Sciences building has also been undergoing interior and exterior demolition. Both buildings are going to show dramatic improvements.

"We are making adaptive resources of old buildings," says Ruark.

The improvements will allow for better classrooms, meeting spaces and a more beautiful interior in general. However, the loss of these buildings has caused the Nursing department to be squeezed into less space. Generally, there is still a lot of work to be done in these two projects. The Parks Memorial and the Health and Sciences Building are estimated to be complete in January 2009.

Along with all this construction there is also future

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OUR VOICE

The semester in review

Every week we write The Voice about a key issue involving GCSU. Sometimes we spread out and cover the city, and occasionally we leave Milledgeville altogether to write about a global issue. But rarely is it a difficult task to choose what we want to write about.

This week it was. We wanted to write about the end of the semester, and offer a salute to our new graduates and wish them luck out in the quote/un-quote Real World. We wanted to write about Jake Stewart, who like Carmen Bass and John Bruner before him was taken from us before his time. We wanted to write more about the registrar's office and the changes to graduation. We wanted to write a summary describing our thoughts regarding this semester as a whole.

So we elected this week just to write about all of them.

Firstly, huzzah to our graduating seniors and grad students (did we really just say huzzah?). Congrats on getting through all your classes and getting all the paperwork filled out. So get ready – the whole wide world is waiting for you. Go conquer it in ways only a GCSU Bobcat could. Here at The Colonnade we are saying goodbye to several of our writers and editors, and we'll be sad to see them go, but we know they'll be great at wherever their lives take them. We know the same is true for all of our new grads.

Speaking of graduation paperwork, we were right in our previous voice that changes are coming from the Office of the Registrar. We'll be sure to keep you posted next semester with the latest changes that might affect your graduation or your HOPE Scholarship hours. Rest assured we'll strive to keep you up-to-date with all the decisions made on campus that will affect the lives and futures of the students who call it home.

And how about this semester? It's been interesting to say the very least. A Grim Reaper at the fountain, The Sweetwater Festival, the formation of many new RSOs, construction galore, the soccer and intramural seasons, the parking situation and all the hubbub it caused, just to name a few.

It's certainly been an interesting ride. And next semester looks to be just as exciting, with such things as GCSU Idol, baseball and softball, homecoming, and all the other spring festivities to ensue.

We don't know about you, but we can't wait!

Of course no semester is without it's share of bad times, and this one has been no exception. GCSU will always mourn the loss of the three students who lost their lives this semester. John Bruner, Carmen Bass and Jake Stewart will all be badly missed, and we owe it to them as a campus to keep their memories alive in the things that we do.

It's a shame that their lives were cut short, especially in such uncontrollable conditions, but let it serve as a lesson to everyone to be careful, and to always live your lives to the fullest. Keep your eyes on the future in honor of those who will not have the opportunity.

So where will the future lead us? Only time will tell. All we can say for certain is that we're excited to see what unfolds. We wish everyone a happy winter break and can't wait to see what awaits us in the coming months. See you in 2008!

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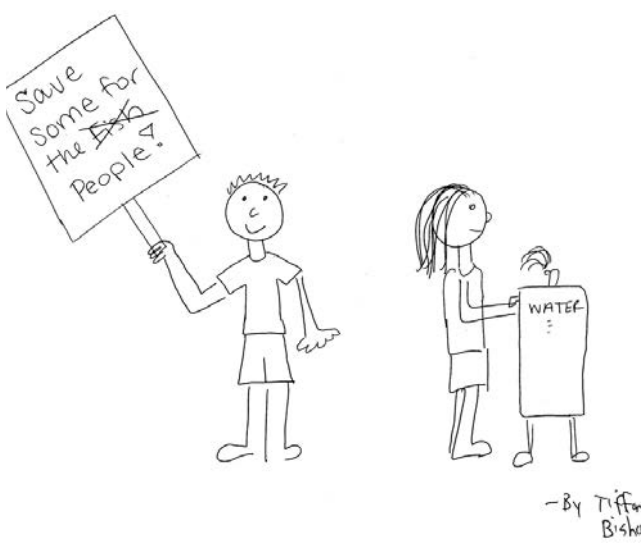
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TIFFANY'S TID-BITS

BY TIFFANY BISHOP



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BY JAMES ODOM



U.S.: lead by example, not force



BY ANDREW ADAMS
COLUMNIST

One day in August, 2001, I was walking home from high school, and as I walked through the school parking lot I saw a car that had a bumper sticker on it. The bumper sticker proudly said, "No one is free until everyone is free." I thought about it a second and let out a chuckle and said "stupid liberal" under my breath. And I really felt that way. If citizens under Mugabe's dictatorship in Zimbabwe aren't free, does that mean that I, as an American, am not free? I didn't think so.

As a conservative Republican at that time I never felt that it was America's job to free people from their government. Throughout the past century it has been liberal democrats that put us in battles and wars we didn't belong in. Take Vietnam, Korea, Serbia and even Kosovo. All these conflicts we involved ourselves in were for the liberty or democracy of the citizens of those countries.

On the other side, between 1870 and 1990, Republican Presidents had not authorized a single war. In that time span, Democratic Presidents had authorized four. Two of those wars were both World Wars (I believe they were justified, so I won't judge Wilson and Roosevelt). The other two were Korea and Vietnam

and should be heavily criticized historically. I've been a Conservative Republican as long as I can remember, and one of the major reasons is because Republicans typically don't get America involved in unnecessary wars.

A month after I saw that bumper sticker, the world changed. America was attacked by Islamic terrorists and the Republican party changed their position. And so did I. The next month we were in Afghanistan, rightfully so, to hunt terrorists in their caves. The war in Afghanistan is a war that we did not choose, but one that we must fight.

In the months following the worst attack on American soil, President Bush outlined the "axis of evil" consisting of Iraq, Iran and North Korea. I, and most everyone else, had a beautiful vision. We could take over Iraq, Iran and North Korea and make it a beacon of hope for freedom and democracy in areas of turmoil.

To be perfectly honest in the first few years following the 9/11 attack I, probably like President Bush, had this vision that by the time the President leaves office in January 2009 that he could leave a world with a free Iraq, a free Iran and a Democratic North Korea. I just couldn't imagine how an idea like that could be flawed.

After all, we are Americans. We love freedom. We think that everyone should be free, and have a right to vote for their leaders. And then I bought into the bumper sticker. No, I didn't actually buy the bumper sticker, I haven't found any stores selling it. But I bought into the premise of the bumper sticker that it was the

American government's duty to bring freedom and democracy to the world.

Iraqis were suffering under the tyranny of Saddam Hussein, so I supported the war in Iraq. North Koreans were suffering from that munchkin Kim Jung Il. I would have supported the U.S. carrying out covert operations to get rid of their nuclear weapons (if that's even possible to do). Iranians suffer under anti-semitism Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and for a time I would have supported the U.S. taking a brief detour in Iraq to deal with Iran.

But this logic is wrong and flawed. If we declare war on every nation that has policies that we don't like, then where do we stop? And why have we still not even considered invading China which has an atrocious human rights record? It will only be a short time till even our staunchest allies tire of our war-mongering. As it is, the war in Iraq has spread us so thin militarily that we probably wouldn't be able to appropriately fight another war without reinstating the draft.

The point of the war in Iraq was to depose Saddam Hussein, free the Iraqis and to provide backbone to the seventeen U.N. resolutions that Hussein violated. None of these three reasons justify war. Whenever I would debate with friends that were against the war, my very first point would be the U.N. resolutions. But sending our men and women to fight in combat to defend the integrity of paper with United Nations letterhead is not a good reason for war. And sure we want the Iraqis to be free but is it worth a brother or a sister, a son or a daughter? Most of us

would probably agree that it's not even worth an annoying cousin. In the end, our quest to free Iraqis (the war is titled "Operation: Iraqi Freedom") has brought Al Qaeda there to fight us, rampant insurgency and potential for a civil war. We invaded with good intentions, but as the cliché goes, the road to hell is paved in good intentions.

I don't completely fault President Bush for his decisions. I believe that he did what he believed to be right. If I were President in a similar situation, I may have done the same thing. But I will find President Bush at fault if he sticks by this flawed, internationally invasive war strategy. I'm a very Conservative Republican, but I can't support this war-hungry strategy that the majority of the Republican party has picked up. I say majority, because there is one Republican running for President that has been against the war from the start and even leads all other candidates in donations from military personnel. His name is Ron Paul and he sticks to the original conservative ideals of non-interventionism.

While over 70 percent of Americans believe America needs to pull out of Iraq, we should continue to support the troops. They willingly sacrifice a lot for our freedoms; many even sacrifice themselves. This is a great nation with a lot to offer the world, but we shouldn't force our military men and women to export liberty out of the barrel of their M-16. We should lead by example, not by force.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clearing the air about smokers

Dear Editor,

We all know that smoking leads to cancer and that it is a disgusting habit. We all know that it can cause birth defects and other horrible things. If you look around campus, however, you will see a number of your classmates smoking cigarettes. You can segregate them, give them dirty looks, cough loudly, or even refuse them hot chocolate, but somehow, they STILL can't see that their smoking is dangerous! Again, look around you. Those smokers, your very friends that are betraying your sparkling lungs, are in college. They see the Surgeon General's warnings on every pack they smoke and on every advertisement. Those smokers that you're trying to save KNOW about the dangers!

You can claim that all smokers are rude and that all smokers hang out in doorways. Go ahead; I won't try to stop you. The question is, have you ever thought about why a smoker acts the way he or she does? Have you ever questioned why a smoker is

near a doorway? You cannot complain about anyone smoking outside. That is still legal. The fountain and library have benches and ashtrays, so you can't really complain about that either. Now, about those pesky doorways ... Was it raining? Personally, the only time I've ever seen a smoker at a doorway was when there was precipitation of some form, or they were about to go inside. Again, there are ashtrays by the doors, so logically, smokers have to go near the doors to put out their horrible stick of cancer.

I've been smoking for almost a year. I knew the risks and I didn't start because it was "cool" or because "all my friends are doing it." I started smoking because it calmed me down. In my two years on campus, I have never seen a rude smoker. I don't see anyone purposefully exhaling in the general direction of a non-smoker, nor have I ever seen anyone trying to force someone to start smoking. On the contrary, I've seen people offer a lighter or even allow a stranger to "borrow" a cigarette. Does that sound

rude?

For the record, if you look at the GCSU handbook covering our "Institutional Standards and Administrative Policies" (available online to the public), it states that we are supposed to have "one or more covered outdoor spaces at each building or facility site where smoking of tobacco products may take place." You know, that MIGHT just take care of the smokers-at-doors problem when it rains. In case you are wondering, according to the aforementioned document, you can smoke in your dorm room or bobcat apartment (if your roommates are ok with it).

So, there it is! Give smokers a smoking area, and you won't even have to look at us. If that isn't enough for you, here is an apology from a smoker: I'm sorry that my smoke is bothering you ... It just happens to be killing me. Sincerely,

Alexandria Drake
sophomore, liberal studies

Colonnade riddled with typos

Dear Editor,

I applaud the staff of The Colonnade going to the journalism conference in D.C., "so we would bring back ways to improve The Colonnade and make us a better publication for our readers ... we've brought back plenty of ideas, and if nothing else, inspiration and a renewed vigor for our jobs" (Friday, Nov. 7, Our Voice column).

However, I have noticed in every issue of the paper this school year countless spelling, punctuation, and mechanical errors. As an English major, every time I read The Colonnade, I want to get out a red pen and go

to town correcting all the errors. Now, I realize that the staff of the paper is not paid nor do they care about such little things as a missing comma. But isn't one of the basics of journalism a general understanding of the rules of punctuation and grammar?

The Colonnade has a history of being an award-winning newspaper among other colleges' publications. Why not build on that history and make the awards come more frequently and more deservedly?

I guess what I'm trying to say is, would it hurt to check over the columns to prevent the misspellings

and missing punctuation? Is it really all that time consuming to use the "spelling and grammar" tool on Word before turning in the articles?

I am not entirely bashing on the paper. Even I make these errors from time to time. I enjoy picking up the paper and reading about what is going on in our community; I just would like to be able to read it as it is written rather than having to correct the errors in my head while I am reading it.

Sincerely,

Andrew C. Burton
freshman, english literature

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

• In the article "House minority leader talks political behavior" in the Nov. 16 issue of The Colonnade, Dubose Porter was listed as being representative of district 119. The correct district is district 143. Also the article incorrectly stated that he chaired the education and higher education committees.

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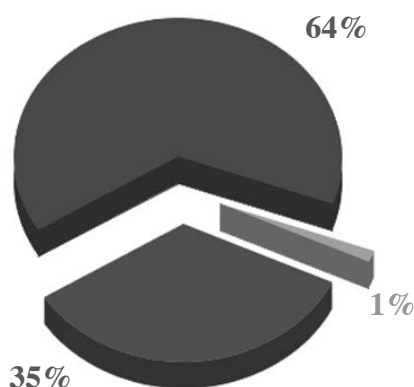
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GRAPHIC BY LEE SANDOW

Do you have a tattoo or plan on getting one?

64% - Yes
35% - No
1% - Undecided



Next week's question:

Will you be returning to GCSU for the Spring 2008 semester?

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What is one highlight or regret from this semester?



"The highlight of my semester was starting to plan my study abroad trip to Paris for next summer!"

Anna Schroen, junior, English

"Halloween time is always a highlight of the fall semester. It's always fun to go to all the different parties and try to figure out the best costume."

Whitney Sturtevant, sophomore, middle grades education



"Not doing Calculus home work."

Kyle Bettis, freshman, pre-engineering

"I regret that I didn't start my Plutarch paper on time."

Kendrick Williams, junior, mass communication



"I enjoyed the Jazz Band Concert!"

Elyssa Sanner, junior, English

Reported by Drake Simons

The Litter Box

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Thank goodness for rain! And the completion of the semester!

This is Iceman posting a red-alert to the wingmen: Jester, Maverick, rendezvous at home base, Goose is in trouble!!! As always, "Flying High!!!!"

Thank you, O' two week old editions of The Colonnade, for giving me a free and easy packing material when 'tis the season for expensive tissue paper. Grandmother's china thanks you. Any chance you'll be printing on moving pads before the end of the semester?

I love Dr. Saladin, but studying for A&P is a pain in my.. gluteus maximus.

I wish school would just go ahead and get over with!!!!

I just lost "The Game."

I love J Murph! We will miss you so much! Good luck.

Webkinz, a stuffed animal with a virtual life...who thought of that?!?!?!?

The Litter Box submission guidelines

The Colonnade Litter Box is an open public forum for discussion in an anonymous setting. Any and all submissions are welcome; however, to be published, the submission must adhere to the following editorial guidelines.

Entries must be typed cohesively, must contain no obscenity and should not attack any specific individual. Entries may be edited for grammar, spelling, punctuation and length.

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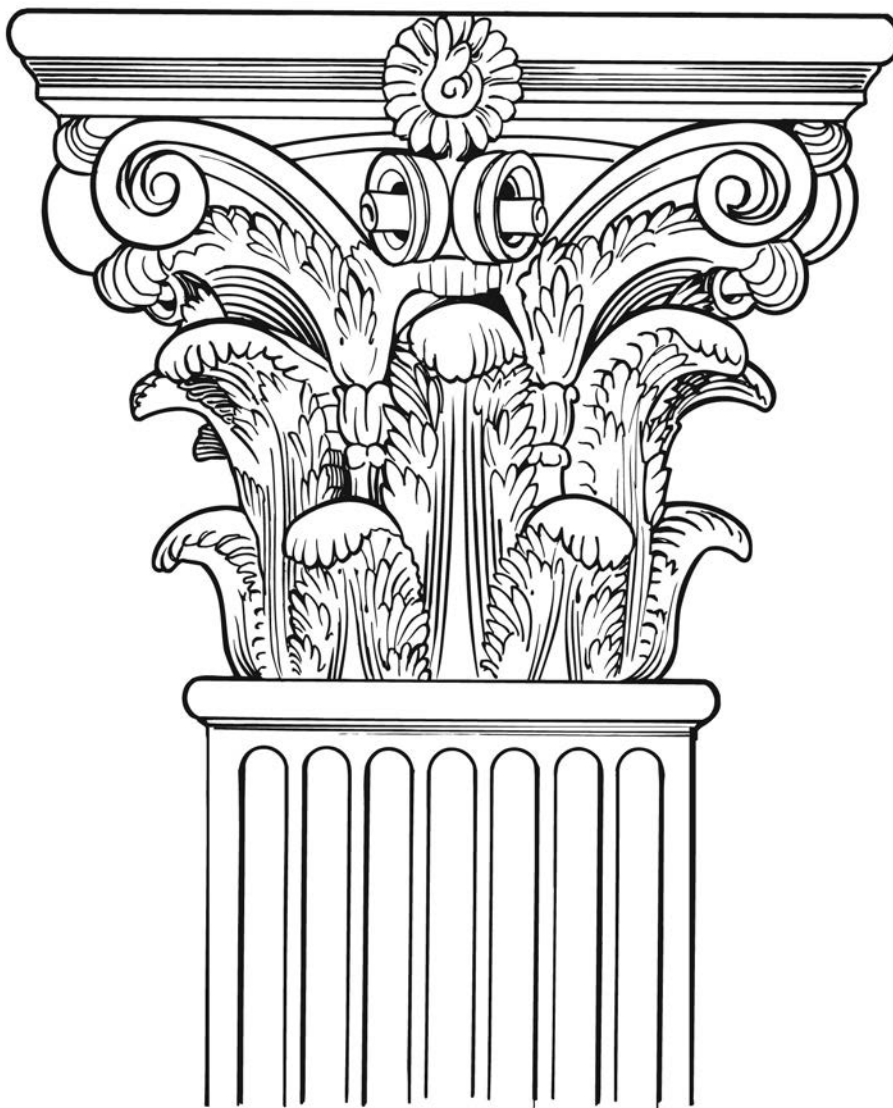
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AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

The exhibition told the life story of a white dress and reflected the artist's own journey of self discovery.

White dress takes on new meaning

BY BROOKE WILLIAMS
SENIOR REPORTER

Maybe it turned heads at the senior prom or swept across the dance floor at winter formal. Wherever this beautiful white dress went it most likely stole the show.

When Katy Dennison first laid eyes on the dress at an estate sale, she knew she had to have it. For \$15 she purchased the beautiful sequined gown that eventually began a journey of self-discovery that is displayed in her art show, appropriately titled "The White Dress."

The show opened on Nov. 12 in Blackbridge Hall and will be on display until Dec. 5.

The black and white photographs of the dress in different settings comprise Dennison's senior art show. At first glance observers might think they are viewing photographs from a fashion shoot, but once they journey through the exhibit a different feeling emerges.

Dennison began taking pictures of the dress for her own personal use; she never thought it would be the subject of her senior project.

"I had never really thought about why I was taking pictures of this dress. For some reason I was fascinated with it. I was photographing the dress on my friends who I thought were the most attractive and beautiful," said Dennison. "Then I sat down with this visiting artist, Prada Malde, and he kept asking me what it was about this dress that I was so fascinated with. It was then that I realized I had some issues concerning body image and ideals of beauty that I was projecting through this dress."

After realizing the reason behind her obsession with the dress, Dennison began to photograph it

in a different way, placing more of the emphasis on the dress itself.

Her journey through issues of self-image and personal identity becomes evident throughout the exhibit.

"I think the show has a lot of consistency which is important to have," said India Barfield, a senior art major. "I also like how you can see her evolve with the dress. First you see it on the two women, and then it moves on to photographs of the dress on the mannequin, and finally you just get the focus on the dress itself."

Dennison's unique artistic work has been noticed by her professors and her peers. At her reception on Wednesday, Nov. 14, Emily Gomez, professor of photography commented warmly about Dennison in a speech to the crowd.

"I admire Katy's ability to delve into her psyche," said Gomez. "I know she is going to go on to do great things because she is not afraid to take risks in her artwork."

Dennison, claims her biggest influences have come from Herb Ritts and Richard Avedon. She has learned a lot about herself and her work since she first began photographing the dress. She feels as though she is more comfortable with her work as well as with herself emotionally and physically. But this exhibit does not bring her journey to an end; she is still in the process of self-discovery.

"I feel that this body of work is not yet completed, nor is my transformation as a person," said Dennison. "Much work must still be done for both, but this series has helped me tremendously in the process of feeling adequate in my own skin and with altering my unreasonable standards of beauty."

Talent show raises awareness about Adopt-a-Grandparent

BY ERIN GISH
STAFF REPORTER

On Tuesday, Nov. 13, the Adopt-A-Grandparent program invited GCSU students to a talent show held in Russell Auditorium at 7 p.m.

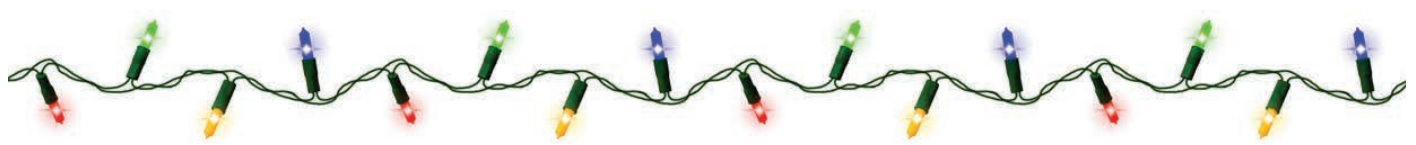
The Adopt-A-Grandparent program began as a way to provide local senior citizens and college students with the opportunity to meld and create long lasting rela-

tionships as well as strong bonds between community and college.

Denise Chambers, GCSU Senior and servant leader of the Adopt-A-Grandparent program, discussed her own desire for joining the program.

"I joined because of the relationship with my great-grandmother. When I moved here from

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'Tis the season for music



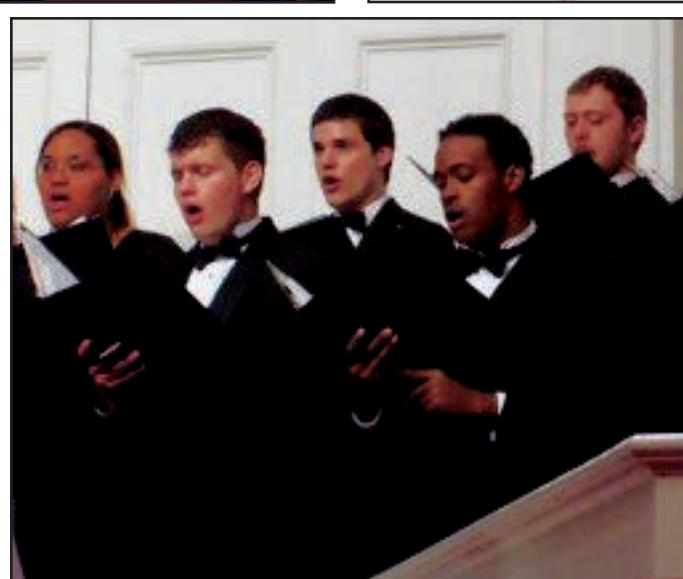
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The Jazz Band has garnered popularity regionally by making every concert, packing the house and thrilling audiences of all ages.



FILE PHOTO

The Jazz Band will have three performances to accommodate the popular demand this holiday season at GCSU and in Macon.



FILE PHOTO

University Chorus and Max Noah Singers are combining talents with GCSU String Ensemble and various community singers to perform one of the most popular choral works of all time.



BY ANA MARIA LUGO
SENIOR REPORTER

There are many things that can get people in the holiday mood, but none are as potent as the moods that are created by holiday music.

From carols, to big band swings and even classical repertoires fit for a king, GCSU's Department of Music is making sure that everyone gets a share of the holiday cheer.

So for students looking for a little break from final exam blues, the sounds of the season should perk the ears and the spirit back up.

A swinging holiday

The holiday season is in full swing as the uber popular Jazz Band takes the stage with Christmas favorites in big-band swing style that will sure please the crowd of community fans from GCSU and Milledgeville alike. The Jazz band will be performing three fun-filled nights of the best music this season has to offer. The GCSU performances will be on Nov. 29 and 30 at 8 p.m. in Russell Auditorium. The Jazz band will also perform at the Cox Capital Theatre in downtown Macon on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.

The holiday concert was a first for the Jazz Band last year. The one night show was so popular and people had to be turned away.

"It was a huge success last year and we had a really great time performing," said Dr. Todd Shiver, professor of music and director of bands at GCSU. "We had to do it again."

The "swinging" concert will feature beloved Christmas songs such as "Santa Baby," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Let It Snow," and "I've Got My Love to Keep Me

Warm."

The concert will feature talented instrumentalists and vocalists. Dr. Bob Wilson, a history professor and university historian, will emcee the performances and add a festive and entertaining touch.

"He (Wilson) adds some comedy and entertainment," Shiver said. "It's wonderful to have someone so passionate about jazz talk about it and make the crowd laugh."

Jazz members, like Joel Graham, a sophomore political science major who plays the trumpet, thinks that holiday concerts like these will quickly become a new tradition.

"It was going to be a one-time thing but the feedback was so great, we couldn't possibly disappoint the crowd," Graham said. "It's taking us to incredible venues like the one in Macon and it's a real treat for everyone because the audience enjoys our music and we enjoy spreading the cheer around."

Tickets will sell out fast and concert-goers are encouraged to get their tickets in advance.

Handel's Messiah

Fans of classical music styles have something to talk about this season. Angelic voices will soar and the harmonious symphony with the orchestra will thrill the audiences as GCSU's University Chorus, prepared by Dr. Jennifer Flory, will be collaborating musical prowess with GCSU's String Ensemble to perform Frederic Handel's timeless masterpiece Messiah. The performance is on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 5 p.m., in the Goldstein Auditorium of Georgia Military College.

Various members of the

community will also be performing with the GCSU choir and the orchestra which includes members of First United Methodist Church, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, The First Presbyterian Church and citizens of Milledgeville.

Handel's Messiah is one of the most popular choral literature works.

Singers and instrumentalist alike have prepared for months under the careful directions of Flory and Daniel Kaplunas, director of string ensembles at GCSU who is also the conductor of the program.

Blair Janzen, a senior music major, is among the numerous students that have worked for months to perform the Advent and Easter portions of Messiah.

"It's incredible to hear how far and how much we've accomplished," Janzen said. "It's a lot of work since Messiah is pretty long, but I think the community won't be disappointed when they hear what we have to offer."

Messiah is one of the most performed choral literatures and has become a fixture in ushering in the Holiday and Easter spirits since it was performed from King George II's reign to present day performances. Some notable pieces from Messiah include "For Unto Us A Child Is Born," "Glory to God" and the famous "Hallelujah" chorus.

Various arias and solos will also be performed ranging from student soloist such as Janzen, to seasoned veterans like Flory among many others.

The renowned "Hallelujah" chorus was said to move King George II so much that he stood up unexpectedly during the performance. Since then, it has been tradition to stand

during the performance of "Hallelujah" in some performances.

"We hope to evoke the same sentiments as well," Flory said. "Everyone worked really hard, and I think they will amaze the audience."

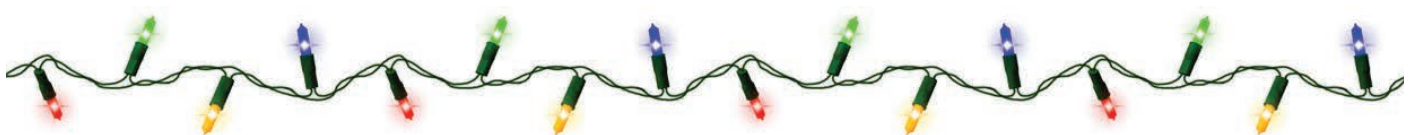
General admission for this concert is \$6 and \$3 for GCSU students with valid ID.

Max Noah Singers Tour

GCSU's auditioned choral ensemble, Max Noah Singers, will be touring several cities in December as part of their annual tour. Under the direction of Dr. Jennifer Flory, the small ensemble will spread holiday cheer in North Carolina, South Carolina and back home in Georgia. They will be touring from Dec. 11 to 15 and will find them back home for a homecoming concert in Milledgeville on the 15 at the First Presbyterian Church in Milledgeville. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. It is open and free to the public, although free will donations will be taken to off-set the tour cost.

The music repertoire will include varying styles from oratorio boasting works from Handel and Bach to more traditional carols such as "The First Noel," "Carol of the Bells," and a special arrangement of "Silent Night" that has become a Christmas choral tradition among the ensembles.

"It's wonderful that we get to represent the school and share our music," said Mary-Katherine Schaap, a sophomore music major and Max Noah Singer member. "This helps us recruit and showcase the talent that GCSU has to offer."





COURTESY OF THE GCSU DANCE PROGRAM

Be sure to check out an exclusive interview with the Sugar Plum Fairy, played by Jessica Gore, this Friday at gcsunade.com.

Community Dance Program showcases 'The Nutcracker'

BY CHELSEA THOMAS
STAFF REPORTER

On Dec. 7 through 9, the GCSU Community Dance Program will be presenting the eleventh annual presentation of "The Nutcracker." A world-renowned ballet performed from Australia to London, "The Nutcracker" was first performed in 1892 to music composed by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky. The GCSU Community Dance Program performs this famous ballet reflecting the holiday season in Russell Auditorium with about 200 dancers ranging in age from three to adult.

With dream fairies, baby dolls, soldiers, mice, candy canes, Little Bo Peep, ladies in waiting, a snow queen, a sugar plum fairy and waltzing flowers, where else would you want to be? Training and preparing since August, the dancers have just about perfected the show.

"It's a year long process preparing for me," says Amelia Pelton, GCSU dance director who choreographs most of the show pieces.

"I begin preparing early in the year, yet practice

does not begin till fall semester."

For most of the productions of "The Nutcracker" done in the past, the GCSU dance program paid professional dancers to come star in the show. For the first time this year Pelton has decided not to bring in any guest artists. It will be all students.

"I think it's important to let our dancers dance," says Pelton. "For the first time we aren't having guest artists. We spent almost 6,000 dollars last year on guest artists, and we decided it was better to spend that money elsewhere."

This year the money went to buy the dancers a new floor to layout at Russell Auditorium. This type of flooring allows better vaulting for the certain moves and prevents shin splits.

The new flooring will be especially beneficial during the "Russian scene" when the GCSU cheerleaders perform. The Bobcat cheerleaders have won numerous conference competitions and three national championships. Attempting stunts and lifts, they will be highly entertaining.

One of the largest roles

in "The Nutcracker" is the Sugar Plum Fairy. This year Jessica Gore, a senior at GCSU, will be dancing this primary role. The Sugar Plum Fairy solo will be the original choreography by Lev Ivanov in 1892.

However, even though Gore has the primary role there are still 24 other solos belonging to the students dancing in the Ballet VI class. Pelton exclaims how blessed the program is with "tremendously talented dancers."

A holiday classic, "The Nutcracker" is fun for the whole family.

"The story is really good for little kids especially. They like to see all the pretty costumes and decorations. The community really supports the show," said Stacy Hillard, a senior performing "The Nutcracker" for the fourth time with GCSU.

Overall "The Nutcracker" will be a treat away from studying for finals and preparing for winter break. Beautifully decorated and with magnificent scores by Tchaikovsky, the show will excite all who come out to see it.

Farm

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who have such items as handmade crafts, pottery, ironwork and art on consignment alongside the specialty herbal teas, soaps, candles, cooking products and spa products made by the Herrens at their home.

"Everything herbs, we do," explained Marsha.

Olive Forge is a licensed greenhouse for the plants and herbal products sold there. The farm specializes in not only herbs, but also plants known for fragrant qualities and historical significance.

The gardens at the farm are a destination for an afternoon getaway during peak seasonal times in the spring and fall. The winter holiday time is great time to visit the farm to appreciate the year's harvest.

This Saturday and

Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Olive Forge will be hosting its thirteenth annual open house event. Visitors can sample food like chili, mulled cider, rosemary cake, pumpkin nut bread and "Darryl's famous oatmeal cookies" all prepared by the Herrens. There will also be live Christmas music played by friends of Olive Forge. The Herrens are friendly folk inviting visitors into their home and cozy shop: "if the gate's open, we're here."

They started their business in 1994 after becoming bored with their early retirement. Always having had an interest in botany, they decided to open their own business seeking to share their passion with others. Marsha said that they like to do their "work" because it's something they love doing.

The Herrens are alums of GCSU, and Marsha

explained how she came to school the year after it shifted from being an all women's college to coeducational. Dr. Harriett Whipple had a hand in teaching the Herrens some of the knowledge of plants they now have. Whipple still teaches at GCSU and even took her plant systematics class out to Olive Forge for a hands-on learning experience this semester. Whipple still teaches from the same textbook she used when the Herrens were learning about the basics of plant identification. The Herrens' connection to GCSU lingers on as more and more college students are finding out about the unique experience that the Olive Forge Herb Farm offers.

They are excited about this weekend's open house event and hope to have a great turn out and meet new people.



Senior Spotlight

What's one of the most important things you've learned in college?



"How to maintain relationships and friendships, because they can help you later in life. Don't burn your bridges."

Sheldon Drinkard,
Criminal Justice

"The key to procrastination. Like, when or how long I can procrastinate."

Brooke Williams, Mass Communication



"Learning how to get good grades but still have a life and have time to do sports, parties and spend time with friends."

Arnold Basinsa,
Computer Science

"How to be a stronger person as a leader and how I've grown so much spiritually."

Natalie Vinson,
Marketing and Management



"I learned how big the world is out there and how scary the real world can be, but I've also learned that I'm ready."

Alicia Rogers, Community Health

"I've learned how to manage my time and still have fun, and remember why you're in school in the first place."

Emily Fraser,
Marketing



Congratulations to all our new graduates! You made it!

Be sure to check out our Web site for exclusive online only content. A former GCSU student is up for a Crest Smile Bright contest. The GCSU Theatre Department performed Shakespeare's "The Tempest." Also, check out what's going on with Community Action Team for Service, an organization stressing environmental awareness.

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GCSU basketball on the prowl 4-0 Bobcats dominate Clayton and Carver

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SENIOR REPORTER

GCSU's men's basketball team has rushed out to an undefeated start after dominating their first four opponents.

The Bobcats hot start appeared to be in jeopardy early Wednesday night in their first Peach Belt Conference contest, when Clayton State University jumped out to a 16-3 start five minutes into the game.

Head coach Terry Sellers then called a timeout to regroup his squad.

When the team came back out junior guard Shaun Keaton nailed a three from the left side to double the Bobcats score and kick start the team.

"I just told them (in the timeout), you know, we were down 16-3 and we needed to get our act together," Sellers said. "We weren't communicating on defense and gave up some open looks, and gave up some wide open threes. Our intensity really needed to pick up or we were going to be in real trouble, and the guys knew it. They had to get started and they came out and did a good job."

The Bobcats took their first lead of the game with 8:38 remaining in the first half when redshirt sophomore guard Graham Martin made a spin move under the basket to put the team up 23-21.

From there the Bobcats took command of the game, outscoring

the Lakers 47-27 in the second half to win 90-61.

Martin led all scorers with 20 points, including four three-point fieldgoals. Keaton added 18 and junior guard Justin Brown had 15 points off the bench.

Forward Brian Kelly led the Lakers with 14 points in the game.

"I'm real proud of the team," Sellers said. "They're playing together and when you look and see 22 assists and we had 38 assists (Monday against Carver Bible College) it means we're making an extra pass."

That teamwork has been key to the Bobcats hot start.

"We did the best job we've done all season of taking care of the ball, which has probably been our low over the last couple of years," Sellers said. "We're rebounding the ball real well, and right now the guys are just doing a great job."

None of GCSU's games this season have been very close. Monday night the Bobcats blew out Carver 131-79.

Keaton led the team with 25 points and Brown added 19 off the bench in the landslide.

"Shaun Keaton has played extremely well," Sellers said. "The play we've been getting from Justin Brown off the bench has been really outstanding for us, and Martin came in tonight and hit four of four on the three point line."

Keaton has posted a 23.25 scoring average.



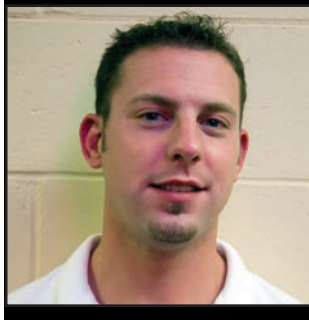
AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior guard Justin Brown takes flight against Clayton State University Wednesday night. Brown, a transfer player from Manatee Community College in Florida, scored 15 points in his GCSU home debut. The Bobcats travel to Augusta State University on Saturday to play the No. 6 ranked Jaguars.

"It's all about teamwork," Keaton said. "We're getting the extra pass and finding me. I'm just doing the easy job making that shot."

The Bobcats have outscored their opponents 377-258 so far this season.

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The Season PASS



BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SPORTS EDITOR

Playoff system needed for college football

For the second time this season, Division I college football saw the No. 1 (Louisiana State University) and No. 2 (University of Kansas) teams lose in the same week.

LSU fell to an under-achieving University of Arkansas team last Thursday night and in the most surprising big game of the season Kansas was exposed by the University of Missouri Tiger's who felt like they should get the opportunity to be the seasons fourth No. 1 ranked team.

When the weekend ended and the new polls were released, Missouri found themselves on top of the poll followed by the University of West Virginia, Ohio State University, the University of Georgia and Kansas.

After 12 weeks, only the University of Hawaii remains undefeated, but with a weak schedule they stand no chance of competing for a national championship.

So, what does all this mean?

The answer to this, the most bizarre season in recent memory of college football, is simple: implement a playoff system.

If the season ended today the championship game would feature Missouri and West Virginia.

In my mind if Missouri beats the University of Oklahoma in the Big XII Championship this weekend they are deserving. West Virginia, however, is not.

West Virginia plays in a very weak Big East Conference. They do not play the competition that teams in the South Eastern Conference play. Their competition isn't even as tough as the Big Ten Conference.

A playoff system would answer all the what-ifs, and even level the playing field for teams in such conferences as the SEC and the PAC-10, where competition is much stronger and it is very hard to come out with only one or two losses.

My suggestion, take the top eight teams and have the winners advance to the championship game, which would be the third round.

Lady 'Cats scratched at home

BY PRESTON SELLERS
STAFF REPORTER



AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior point guard Lindsey Smith takes the ball across half court to set up the Lady Bobcats offense Wednesday night. GCSU hosted No. 12 Clayton State University. Unfortunately, the Lakers bested the Lady Bobcats 80-62.

The GCSU women's basketball team has tipped off its season. The Ladies have played five games thus far, coming out with a 3-2 record.

The Lady Bobcats started off strong, winning their first three, but have dropped their last two decisions to tougher competition.

GCSU opened the season Nov. 16 in Columbus, Ga., in the Tipoff Classic against Shorter College. The Lady Bobcats outscored the Hawks by nine points each half to win 69-51. Freshman guard Dominique Huffin made the most of her debut for GCSU basketball by posting 16 points to lead all scorers.

The other game in the Tipoff Classic matched the Lady Bobcats against Lees-McRae, whose nickname is also the Bobcats. GCSU would prove to be the superior of the two, dominating the game and winning 83-55. Even a 24-point effort by Lee-McRae's Stephanie Mullinax could not slow the balanced GCSU attack.

Four players scored in double digits, including another high point mark by a freshman, with guard Mandi Dudish pouring in 20. Dudish hit 6 of 10 3-pointers to account for most of her scoring.

The Lynn Holiday Classic, on Nov. 24 and 25, provided

ZTA packs the house in pink



BY KYLE COLLINS
SENIOR REPORTER

Bobcat basketball had a packed house for their double header on Wednesday Nov. 28. The colors seen in the crowd, however, looked different than most nights in the Centennial Center.

Instead of the school colors everyone brought their brightest pink shirts.

GCSU's Zeta Tau Alpha chapter teamed up with the athletic department to raise money for breast cancer research and awareness on "Pack the House in Pink" night.

ZTA fundraising chair for the event, Liz Quigley, said the idea had been discussed for the last few years.

"Breast cancer awareness is part of our national philanthropy for Zeta Tau Alpha," Quigley said. "We finally made it work this year."

SGA donated money to help the event's development and execution.

"It was really easy to set everything

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Saturday 5:30 p.m. @Augusta

GCSU Athlete of the Week



Ashley Williams

The senior forward averaged 16.5 points and 15 rebounds in the Lady Bobcats first two contests of the season in the Lynn Holiday Classic last weekend. Williams is currently the teams active leading scorer with 811 career points.

GCSU flag football team, Whiteout, still undefeated



JENNIFER ARROYO / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
(Top) Cliff Barnette runs with the ball in the Georgia Collegiate Intramural Association's state flag football tournament.

(Bottom) Jourdan Hamilton dives for the ball in a game at the state tournament. Whiteout, GCSU's representative, won the tournament.

BY DEVIN VERNICK
SENIOR REPORTER

For many college students across the United States, intramurals are a big deal. GCSU students will have an opportunity to experience just how big they can get when Whiteout, the 2007 GCSU intramural flag football championship team, competes in the national flag football tournament in January.

On Sunday, Nov. 18, Whiteout defeated The University of Georgia's DSGB (an acronym for "Dem Southern Georgia Boys") to win the Georgia Collegiate Intramural Association's state tournament. This is the first time a GCSU flag football team has won a state title and received the invitation to compete at the national level.

"This is a big deal for us and our (intramural and student activities) program. Flag football is definitely the biggest state tournament," said Bert Rosenburger, the GCSU coordinator of IM/Rec sports. "Hopefully it will increase student participation in our programs."

GCSU seniors Derek

Chitwood and Tyler Berglund were a part of the state championship winning Whiteout team, whose origins date back to Chitwood's freshman year at GCSU.

"My freshman and sophomore years we came up short," Chitwood said. "But during junior year we made it to the final four and knew that the next year had serious potential for us."

Whiteout, who has not lost a game since last year's state tournament, easily cruised to the final, defeating the previous state champion 36-18. DSGB took fourth place in last year's national tournament.

"The competition at the state tournament was down from last year, but there were still a few strong teams — just weren't strong enough," Berglund said.

"Whiteout has a good shot at the national tournament," Rosenberger said. "Traditionally teams from Georgia do well at the national level."

The national tournament will take place in Dallas, Texas. Whiteout embarks to represent GCSU, and the state of Georgia, Jan. 3 through 5.



JENNIFER ARROYO / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
(top) Jon Collins runs the ball in the state championship game. Whiteout beat UGA's DSGB to take the title.

(Bottom) Whiteout team members pose after winning the state championship game. The team will travel to Dallas, Texas on Jan. 3 to represent GCSU and the state of Georgia in the national tournament.



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up," Quigley said. "Coach Sellers, Al Weston, and Stan Aldridge gave us full support of the event."

Tables were setup outside of the Centennial Center and near the entrance delivering a small reward for the support.

Participants in "Packing the House in Pink" received goodie bags with candy and a coupon for a free sandwich from Chick-Fil-A.

Door prize raffle tickets were distributed to entrants and anyone could donate towards the breast cancer fight throughout the games, as well.

"I feel like this was a great start for our first year," said Lacey Hitchings, junior exercise science major.

ZTA used a full group effort during setup and the halftime contest.

"Amber Hyde and Liz Quigley took care of the major things," said Sallie Smith, senior special education major. "We all took a job and ran with it."

A yogurt eating contest gave GCSU fans a different spectacle during halftime of the men's game.

Nearly twenty guys participated; testing who had the quickest mouth muscles and largest stomach.

The contestants had seven minutes to wolf down a line of Yoplait yogurt.

The winner finished after a little over five minutes. His technique



AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Contestants in Zeta Tau Alpha's "Pack the House in Pink" yogurt eating contest, held at halftime of the men's basketball game against Clayton State University, race to finish 15 cups of Yoplait yogurt.

involved throwing the spoon to the side in favor of a simpler packet grab and swallow method.

Carrying on the theme of the night, a pink iPod Nano was given to the winner.

Quigley said the idea for the yogurt event came from other ZTA members at their recent national convention.

Though cancer education was the main point of the night, competitive peach belt games served as a bonus for patrons.

Unfortunately, the Lady Bobcats lost to an athletic Clayton State University team.

In the second game, the men battled back from an early double digit deficit

to pound the Clayton State University men by nearly 30 points.

The most interesting event of the night occurred at mid court during the intermission between games.

GCSU's new Bobcat mascot, Thunder, busted out of a circle of cheerleaders who concealed his identity in a large sack dragged to mid-court.

The crowd applauded as Thunder's rock inspired theme song blared through the speakers. Thunder worked his way around the arena throughout the men's game.

Both squads see action again on Dec. 1 at Augusta State for another doubleheader.

Mascot, 'Thunder', introduced

The GCSU Athletic Department unveiled the schools new mascot, Thunder, Wednesday night at the Centennial Center when the Basketball squads hosted Clayton State University and Zeta Tau Alpha sponsored "Pack the House in Pink."

The mascot has been an ongoing project, since the Thundercats, GCSU's official spirit group, spearheaded the movement in the spring of 2007.

Students picked between five possible nicknames on Nov. 16 and 19. The choices were between Kool, Prowler, Paws, Scratch and, the winning name, Thunder.

Thunder will appear at all home games for the remainder of the season.



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Ladies

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improved competition for the 2-0 Lady Bobcats. Wingate University was first up, and the Bulldogs fought valiantly back from an 8-point halftime deficit, but GCSU prevailed 78-73.

Two Lady Bobcat stars shone bright on this night, with senior forward Ashley Williams and redshirt junior guard Emily Bixler each posting double-doubles. Anna Atkinson scored an amazing 31 points for Wingate in the losing effort.

GCSU's first loss came in the Nov. 25 game against the host team, the Lynn University Fighting Knights. The game was a back-and-forth affair, with the Fighting Knights holding off the Lady Bobcats, 65-62. Williams was strong again in the paint, and had the best individual performance of the young season with 22 points and 17 rebounds while playing all but two minutes of the game.

The Lady Bobcats looked to prevent a

losing streak at home on Wednesday night against Clayton State University.

This was the first Peach Belt Conference game for GCSU, and was also "Pack the House in Pink" night, hosted by Zeta Tau Alpha as a benefit for breast cancer research. A modest crowd filtered in throughout the game, and watched the Lady Bobcat defense crumble in the second half against an athletic Lakers squad.

"We're a pretty new team, so we're all trying to learn each other," senior guard Lindsey Smith said. "We kind of fell apart in the second half, but we're better than that."

The Lady Bobcats certainly have the talent to finish well in the PBC this season, but they must come together as a team to have success.

Smith is optimistic about the remainder of the season.

"We are expecting big things. We have a lot of good players that came in. Talented shooters that we didn't have before, which helps to make the team whole."

The Lady Bobcats' next game is another PBC matchup, on Dec. 1 at Augusta State University.

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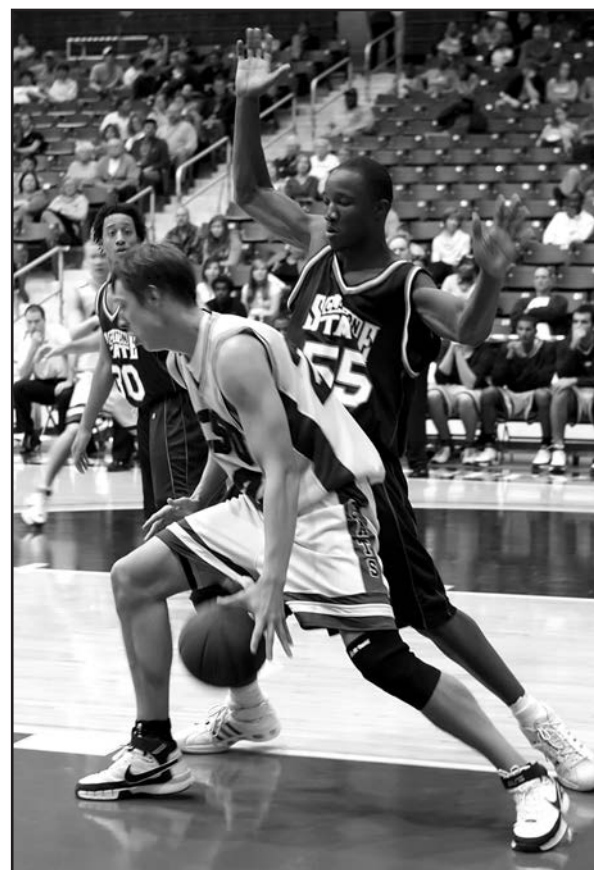
"It's been good so far," senior center Aaron Clark said after beating Clayton. "We can enjoy tonight, but then we have the biggest test of the season coming up on Saturday against a top ten team in the nation (No. 6 Augusta State University) at their place. So, we have a great opportunity to get to big wins against top teams in the conference right off the bat."

Clark was slowed before the season with a knee injury, but has battled back and said it has not really affected him in the games so far.

Clark has shown that he is healthy averaging 10.25 points and 8.5 rebounds per game.

Keaton said the team needs to practice hard to prepare for Augusta.

"We've got to come back in tomorrow, after the big win, and practice hard and keep listening to what Coach Sellers tells us to do. Just keep playing good ball and we will be alright."



AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior center Aaron Clark posts up a Clayton State University defender Wednesday night during the Bobcats 90-61 victory. Clark scored seven points and added six rebounds in the contest.


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2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Biomedical Challenges Symposium, 125 Kilpatrick Hall
3:15 p.m. A.A.C. Presents SKIT WARS! (Show starts at 5:30 p.m.) The Den (formerly Pine Lounge), SAC
8 p.m. CAB Movie Night: "TRANSFORMERS," Magnolia Ballroom
8 p.m. GCSU Jazz Band Holiday Performance, Max Noah Recital Hall

Saturday, December 1

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Christmas at the Mansion, The Old Governor's Mansion
7 p.m. GCSU Jazz Band Holiday Performance, Cox Capital Theatre in Macon, Ga

Sunday, December 2

4 p.m. Handel's Messiah, Daniel Kaplunas, Conductor, Goldstein Auditorium, Georgia Military College
5 p.m. GCSU 20th Annual Kwanzaa Celebration featuring Umudabu Dance Group, Magnolia Ballroom

Monday, December 3

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Housing Contract Cancellation Deadline, Sanford Hall
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Building and Room Change Request Deadline, Sanford Hall
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Meal Plan Change Deadline, Sanford Hall

Tuesday, December 4

Classes End!
7 p.m. Sounds of the Season, BCM House
7:30 p.m. Directing I Scenes, Max Noah Hall
10 p.m. - 2 a.m. "Miracle on W. Hancock St.," Velvet Elvis

Wednesday, December 5

Reading Day!
10 p.m. Midnight Breakfast, MSU Dining Hall

Thursday, December 6

Final Exams Begin!

Friday, December 7

7 p.m. Friday Foreign Film Series: Olga (Brazil), A&S Auditorium
7 p.m. The Nutcracker, Directed by Amelia Pelton

Saturday, December 8

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Candlelight Tours of the Old Governor's Mansion
7 p.m. The Nutcracker, Directed by Amelia Pelton

Sunday, December 9

7 p.m. The Nutcracker, Directed by Amelia Pelton

Monday, December 10

Tuesday, December 11

6 p.m. Residence Halls Close for Winter Break, Individual Residence Halls

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THE COLONNADE

Public Safety Report



Robbed riding back from downtown

On Nov. 16, 2007 at approximately 4:24 a.m. Officer Pissott was dispatched to Bobcat Village in reference to a student being assaulted and robbed. Contact was made with the victim, who stated that two unknown white males had given him a ride from downtown and attacked him. He stated the men started punching and kicking him, stole his shoes, cell phone, and wallet containing \$500. He stated the two unknown males also forced him to take several Xanax bars. The case has been turned over to Detective Butler for further investigation.

Wanted By Police

On Nov. 21, 2007 at approximately 12:34 p.m. the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office requested assistance in locating a wanted person. Sgt. English responded and patrolled the area. He saw a person matching the description near the car wash on Vinson Highway. Contact was made with the offender. Officers responded and identified the suspect as the one they were looking for. The male suspect was arrested and transported to BCSO and charged with Giving False Name and DOB to a Law Enforcement Officer.

Stealing orange cones

On Nov. 21, 2007 at approximately 1:26 a.m. Sgt. Williams observed two males carrying orange cones on Wilkinson Street in front of Kilpatrick. Upon contact with the males, both subjects appeared to be very intoxicated and had slurred speech. They were both issued citations for Public Drunk and released from the scene. The cones were confiscated and returned to their original location.

Caught in the act

On Nov. 21, 2007 at approximately 1:51 a.m. Sgt. Williams observed a male tampering with a bicycle in front of Herty Hall. The bicycle was chained to the rack and the subject was unable to remove it. Contact was made with the male, who appeared to be very intoxicated and had slurred speech. The man denied tampering with the bicycle. He was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with Underage Possession of Alcohol.

Obeys his thirst

On Nov. 22, 2007 at approximately 9:00 a.m. Officer Gaines observed a suspicious male in the area of Chic-Fil-A. Contact was made with the male, who stated he did not have ID on his person. After investigation, Officer Gaines found a Georgia ID on him. A check of MSU found that he had pried open the glass doors to the building to get a soda. He was issued a trespass warning from all GCSU property.

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Are any new restaurants coming on campus?

When is GCSU going to get a new restaurant on campus? It has been on the mind of GCSU students for a long time now, and we have the answer. One of the main student concerns around campus is the lack of variety in dining places and not knowing what there is to come. Fortunately, GCSU is listening and busily working to provide more options for students.

The University has exciting plans for two great new restaurants next fall, one on Central Campus, and one on West Campus. We plan to open "World of Wings" in the old "Cellar Coffee House" space on the ground floor of Sanford Hall next fall (2008). This will be an upbeat, fun, sports-bar type of restaurant (without alcohol). The menu includes hot wings, chicken tenders, fajitas, quesadillas, salads, wraps and sandwiches. They plan to include a large-screen TV for pay-per-view sporting events, and will even have small flat screens at each booth. This will be a great environment to enjoy the aesthetics of the collegiate sports bar. They anticipate being open late afternoon through late night/early morning. For more info on World of Wings (a.k.a. "WOW"), go to www.wingery.com. The school also plans to open a restaurant on West Campus, in the new multipurpose building

between the current Club House and Building 600. Sandella's Flatbread, and the new building itself, will open in Fall 2008. At Sandella's, we plan to offer a meal-equivalency option like we're currently offering for breakfast at the Village Market, allowing students to use their meal plans for eating at The Village. The Village Market convenience store will also be relocated to this building, as part of Sandella's offerings. Sandella's serves premium-quality, health-conscious, and great-tasting grilled flatbreads, sandwiches, paninis, quesadillas and salads - all made using delicious, brick oven flatbread. For more information on this great restaurant franchise, go to www.sandellas.com.

Sandella's and World of the Wings both offer unique dining experiences that we have not completely had before on the GCSU campus. Restaurant consumers can be sure to look forward to the wonderful variety that both facilities have to offer. World of the Wings will stick to the traditional themes of a college sports bars including the music and food that will allow you to jump into the game or spend an adventurous evening among your closest friends. Sandella's will focus on a classy unique environment that will flourish with many healthy choices for those students

who are looking for health-conscious yet tasty alternatives or just trying to avoid that treacherous "freshman fifteen." Sandella's is part of a large restaurant chain that was established in 1994. In fact, it is the largest flatbread restaurant chain in the world. The Sandella's Flatbread franchise opportunity offers a low cost of entry, premium products with high demand, great looking stores and simple systems.

The World of the Wings Café was founded in December of 2001 in a small town of Louisiana. Since then, it has made a huge establishment across the southeast as one of the region's fastest growing wing restaurants. This Café and Wingery provides a fresh alternative to the typical casual dining experience. The main goal is for the restaurant to appeal to a broad base of dining tastes by offering a menu of delicious choices made with the freshest ingredients and served in the friendliest atmosphere on campus, all at an affordable price. For any typical college student, affordable is the way to go!

Sodexo Campus Services will operate both of these new restaurants. Of course, precise hours for either restaurant have yet to be determined and will be set in conjunction with student desires. For more information please contact us at student.government@gcsu.edu.

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Kwanzaa festivities

The GCSU twentieth Annual Kwanzaa Celebration will take place Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007 at 5 p.m. in the Magnolia Ballroom. Learn customs that enrich the community, feast with a diverse group of people, friends and family. Kwanzaa will be partaking in the principles that promote unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith. Hear the music, feel the beat and see the Umdabu Dance Company. Hosted by the Institutional Equity and Diversity Center at GCSU, this event is free and open to the public. It is encour-

aged to bring canned goods to help support our various community service projects.

Pre-finals stress relief aids students

The Counseling Center is presenting the Pre-Finals Stress Relief Series. Monday, Dec. 3 from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. there will be guided visualization, deep breathing and progressive muscle relaxation. Tuesday, Dec. 4 from 11 a.m. through 2 p.m. there will be aromatherapy, music, healthy snacks, & Mary Kay demos available to students. The last chance at relaxation will be on Thursday, Dec. 6 from 5 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. All

relaxation series will be in the Student Activities lounge, known as "the Den."

Eighteenth annual fall midnight breakfast

It's time for the eighteenth annual Fall Midnight Breakfast. On Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007, beginning at 10 p.m. until Midnight, there will be breakfast available for all students. Located at the MSU Dining Hall, there will be everything from eggs to waffles to true southern grits. There will also be bingo and other novelties. Faculty will be there to help serve the students. Take a break from studying to enjoy breakfast late at night.

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